



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

August 18, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application to renew an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Renewal of permit #UNEV87056 has been applied for by the following permittee:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, NV 89045

The applicant has submitted a renewal application for a UIC permit associated with the Round Mountain Gold Mine, #1 Smoky Valley Mine Road, Round Mountain, Nevada 89045. The permit authorizes injection of spent geothermal fluids into a maximum of four injection wells located on an alluvial fan west of the open pit mine. To date, only one injection well has been constructed, and has not been used in recent years. Renewal of the permit will allow the well to remain open for future use. Monitoring at the facility will continue to be required to ensure that groundwater is not being degraded.

On the basis of a preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Notice of Proposed Action, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue permit #UNEV87056 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed permit by the Administrator, or request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing, by September 30, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution control

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All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by a written request to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control, Division of Environmental Protection at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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